

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the cancellation of claims 1 - 5, 10, 15-19, 23, 28-35, 40, 41, 45-50, 52, 56-59, and 62.

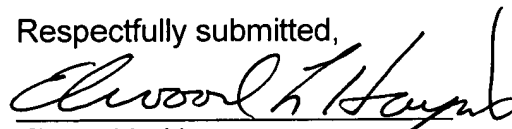
Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiners statement that claims 6-9, 11-14, 20-22, 24-27, 36-39, 42-44, 51, 53-55, 60, and 61 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 11-13, 20, 24-26, 36, 39, 42, 43, 51, 53, 60, and 61, have been amended accordingly, and are therefore all independent claims. Claims 7-9, 14, 21, 22, 27, 37-38, 44, 54, and 55 are dependent upon one of these newly independent claims, and therefore were not amended.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



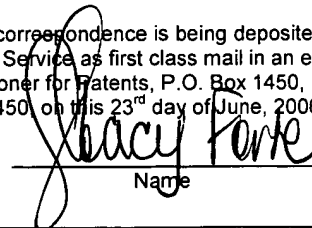
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